

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are pending in this application.

Proposed Amendments

Applicant has amended claims 1-4 and 6-50 to correct formal matters and to correct obvious errors in certain claims. For the most part, the changes to the claims have been made to ensure that the claim terminology has proper antecedent basis and primarily involve changing “said” to “the” or deleting “said” or another word from a claim. In addition, Applicants have corrected obvious errors in claims 26, 49, and 50. In claim 26, Applicants have changed the word “acquiring” to “acquisition.” In claim 49, Applicants have changed “image output control data” to “the image quality adjustment data” because the reference to image output control data is obviously incorrect in the context of the claim. In claim 50, Applicants have changed the phrases “image quality adjustment data” and “image output control data” to “image processing control information” and “the image processing control information,” respectively. The references to image quality adjustment data and image output control data in claim 50 are obviously incorrect because they are inconsistent with the references to image processing control information in the preamble of the claim.

The foregoing changes merely correct formal matters in the claims and, with the exception of the correction of the obvious errors in claims 49 and 50, do not change the scope thereof. Any change in the scope of either claim 49 or claim 50 resulting from the changes made herein merely restores the scope of the claim to that which the claim would have had in the absence of the obvious errors in the claim language. As this paper is being submitted concurrently with payment of the issue fee, Applicants submit that the proposed amendments to the claims comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and should be entered.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of this paper. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP002).

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